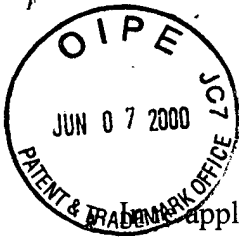


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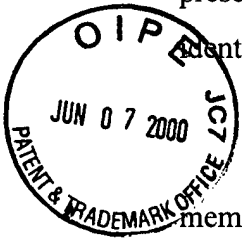
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German document 64147 appears to show a plurality of vertically oriented members with holes there through and at least one bracing member.

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